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Majority prices for next week are trending unchanged; trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was covered the full range, but had best movement into retail for features and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were mixed, but sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate, but stronger for dark meat which was barely balanced to tight. Tenders were in good supply to well cleared, but the remaining breast cuts and wings were at least adequate with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) 25-APR-2005.

(cents per lb)	US GRADE A	COMPOSITE			
AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	70.20	45
Chicago	66.00-69.00	68.45	40 :	69.76	73
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	67.55	28
Denver	79.50	79.50	14 :	78.59	17
Detroit	68.00-70.00	70.18	11 :	70.58	58
Los Angeles	80.00	79.40	60 :	76.75	135
New York	71.00-73.00	71.59	22 :	71.98	51
Philadelphia	69.50-71.00	70.20	10 :	69.61	22
Pittsburgh	69.00-72.00	71.18	11 :	73.40	59
St. Louis	67.75-68.00	67.52	20 :	68.58	33
San Francisco	80.50	80.63	34 :	80.45	66

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	04/25/05	Change/Last Wk	04/18/05	04/26/04
587	73.02	.25	72.77	76.40

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
Eastern	72.50-74.00	73.02	32
Central	68.00-77.00	71.43	75
Western	64.00-78.00	72.27	36

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	73.00-76.00	73.84	89
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,141	66.00-76.00	73.00

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	183.50	1,428
BREASTS - B/S	152.50	6,029
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.50	1,496
THIGH MEAT - B/S	99.50	1,129
LEG QUARTERS	36.00	7,689
WINGS	87.50	3,093

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance to adequate for current trade needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly fair. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, Tenders and dark meat cuts were in good balance to well cleared. Boneless skinless breasts were readily available and slow to clear. Bone-in breast and tenders were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were available.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best for fast food. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate. Dark meat was close to tight and continued to move well. Tenders were balanced to well cleared, wings were mixed but adequate, whole breast was reported as in a better position, b/s breast was still available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. Trading reported for next week deliveries at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments and unchanged to somewhat higher on new negotiations. Offerings were in better balance and adequate overall. Buying activity was moderate at best. Retailer demand was generally moderate. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was about steady to firm on parts with dark meat items in the strongest position. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 69.30 up .37 with the volume reported at 27 loads unchanged from last Monday.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Majority prices into Central Region markets generally unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Trade interest was best on smaller weights, which were snug; market tone was steady. Movement was mostly moderate to fairly good into all channels; best into fast food. Areas surprised by a late winter storm, mainly upper Ohio and Michigan, saw mixed demand. Floor stocks mixed; weights desirable to heavy. Parts supplies were tight on dark meat, while white meat cuts were available. The parts market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat, steady on tenders and wings with all other cuts barely steady to weak.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair for early week business. Seller offerings were in good balance to adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied but were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 71 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, Leg items were adequate to closely cleared. Boneless/skinless breasts and wings were fully adequate to adequate. Bone-in breasts and tenders were adequate and were generally noted as clearing satisfactorily.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	68-83
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	74.85
NO. OF BOXES	7,218

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light to fair at best entering the week. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were readily available and competitively priced. Bone-in breasts were generally sufficient for current needs. Dark meat cuts continued adequate to well cleared. Wings were available. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate, best for scattered feature activity. The market tone was steady to fully steady on tenders, fully steady on dark meat cuts. Boneless skinless breasts were barely steady to weak. Other items were mixed but generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	145	151.99	406,200
TENDERLOINS	165-170	165.17	61,540
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	88.18	172,320
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	83.24	111,200
LEGS	50-51	53.77	100,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	37-38	37.33	341,400
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	45.61	105,180
THIGHS	41-42	51.68	35,160
B/S THIGHS	101-102	97.70	54,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	83-84	95.60	91,280
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.01	8,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.69	24,440
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	57.44	20,720

INCL: NY CITY METRO, N. NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NE OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	2,243	123.00-218.00	124-136	134.36
TENDERLOINS	562	160.00-210.00	160-167	162.66
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
FRONT HALVES	305	68.00-93.00	68-71	71.99
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,146	33.00-36.00	33-34	33.69
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,773	35.00-37.00	36-37	36.20
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
THIGHS	1,765	37.00-42.00	38-39	38.83

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS 04/21	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS 04/14
Alabama	4,047	3,999	5.14	4,028	5.19
Arkansas	5,506	5,326	5.08	5,430	5.08
Delmarva	2,138	1,912	5.54	2,250	5.59
KY-LA-TN	2,213	2,165	4.86	2,109	4.86
Mississippi	3,077	3,073	5.61	3,748	5.59
North Carolina	2,517	2,429	6.56	2,471	6.56
Texas	2,495	2,512	4.80	2,603	5.27
Total	21,993	21,416	5.32	22,639	5.39
Mon	21,993(A)			22,639(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Apr 2005 is estimated to be 32,904,000 down 3.14 percent from a week ago. and up 5.0 percent from a year ago. (last week 33,972,000 last year 31,337,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	735	120.00-151.00	128-132	128.09
TENDERLOINS	238	161.00-202.00	162-167	164.67
BREAST - LINE RUN	93	80.00-95.00	83-85	86.24
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	73	46.00-58.00	-	48.41
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	535	34.00-37.00	35-36	35.57
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	970	36.00-40.00	37-38	37.73
WINGS (WHOLE)	291	68.00-88.00	80-84	81.37
WINGS (CUT)	480	86.00-102.00	97-102	98.80
DRUMSTICKS	39	45.00-58.00	-	49.36
THIGHS	43	43.00-58.00	-	50.44
B/S THIGHS	85	97.00-110.00	-	102.88

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR APR 25, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
53.00 - 58.50	55.79	55.49

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 25-29-APR-2005. CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	123.00 - 154.00	138.00 - 148.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	80.00 - 106.00	84.00 - 89.00
LEGS	51.00 - 56.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34.00 - 46.00	35.00 - 38.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	36.00 - 48.00	38.00 - 40.00
DRUMSTICKS	39.00 - 47.00	-
THIGHS	41.00 - 44.50	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	70.00 - 98.00	86.00 - 89.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 55.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86.5-98.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	90-102
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 105-107
	DRY PACK 105-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 108-111
	DRY PACK 111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 89-93
	DRY PACK 89-95
DUCKS	180-192

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

APRIL 22, 2005
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	27.00	28.00	212,000	52,000
WTD AVERAGE	27.00	28.00		
15-20%	20.50-30.50	20.00-28.00	1,924,000	1,404,000
WTD AVERAGE	25.76	24.54		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	20.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		20.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

APRIL 22, 2005
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	26.00	61,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		26.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	27.00-29.00	17.00-24.00	1,342,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	28.20	20.16		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were generally adequate for current needs. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-APR-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.25-15.5	11.5-13.5	12.67
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-APR-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.75-15.75	11.75-13	12.55

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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